

Agenda
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 23, 2007

1:30 – 2:55 pm

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Access Code: 70873 (everyone else)

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| I. Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes, March 16, 2007 | Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger |
| II. Status of Work Comp Bills (see attached Bill Status)
o Advisory Council options

o HB 65
o HB 72
o HB 738 – not acted on by Advisory Council
o HB 785 – not acted on by Advisory Council
o HB 786 – not acted on by Advisory Council

o SB 97
o SB108
o SB 214
o SB 426 - not acted on by Advisory Council
o SB 444 | Jerry Keck, Administrator
Employment Relations Division |
| III. Agenda Items for Advisory Council Meeting in May
o Summary of insurer financial results
o Summary of legislative action
o Safety/incident rate modeling
o Exemptions and cost shifting
o Regulation/oversight of claims examiners | Jerry Keck |
| IV. Public Comment
(If as a member of the public, you logged into the call using access code 70873, please press 6 on your keypad if you wish to comment.) | |
| V. Next Steps | Jerry Keck |

Note:

- You may also participate in the conference call at the Employment Relations Division office at 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena
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2007 Workers' Compensation Legislation
Active Bill Status
March 22, 2007

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to Senate	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in Senate	Status
HB 65	Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/6	Transmitted to Governor
HB 72	Revise professional employer organization law	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/7	Signed to Governor
HB 738	Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates	2/27		3/27	
HB 785	Exempting certain athletes from workers' compensation	2/26		3/23	
HB 786	Exempt from work comp law certain motor carriers	2/27		3/27	

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to House	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in House	Status
SB 97	Clarify handling of highway patrol work comp claims	1/16	1/19 Approved		Signed by Governor 3/16
SB 108	Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc	2/07	2/9 Approved	3/16	Passed 3 rd Reading 3/21, 97-2
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	1/31	2/2 Approved	3/21	Passed executive action, 16-0
SB 426	Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases	2/27		3/21	Executive action pending
SB 444	Revise APRN treating of injured workers	2/19	2/23 Discussed, no action; 3/9 Approved		Committee hearing not scheduled

Agency-requested bills in bold type